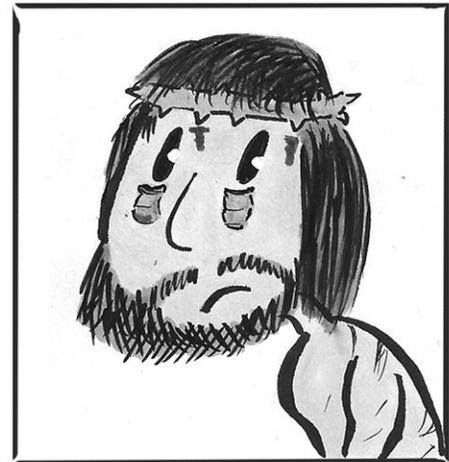
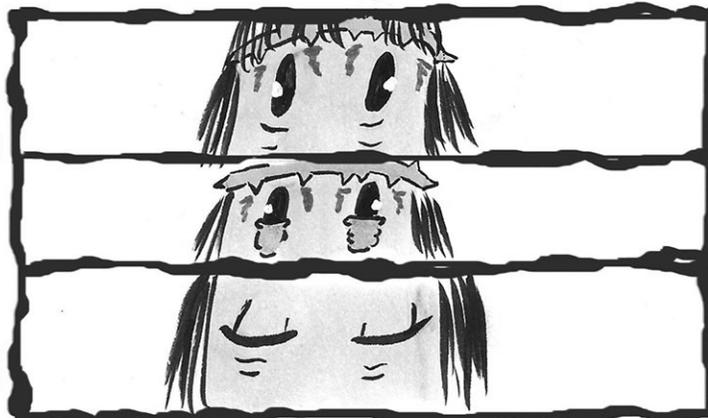


# ✓ Simon of Cyrene Takes Up Jesus' Cross

"I NEVER DID KNOW WHO HE WAS."



SOME SAID HE WAS  
A CRIMINAL- ONE OF  
THE ZEALOTS THAT WERE  
PLOTING AGAINST  
THE EMPIRE.  
BUT SOME SAID  
HE WAS A GOOD MAN.



-A TEACHER,  
I BELIEVE.

OTHERS SAID  
HE WAS...

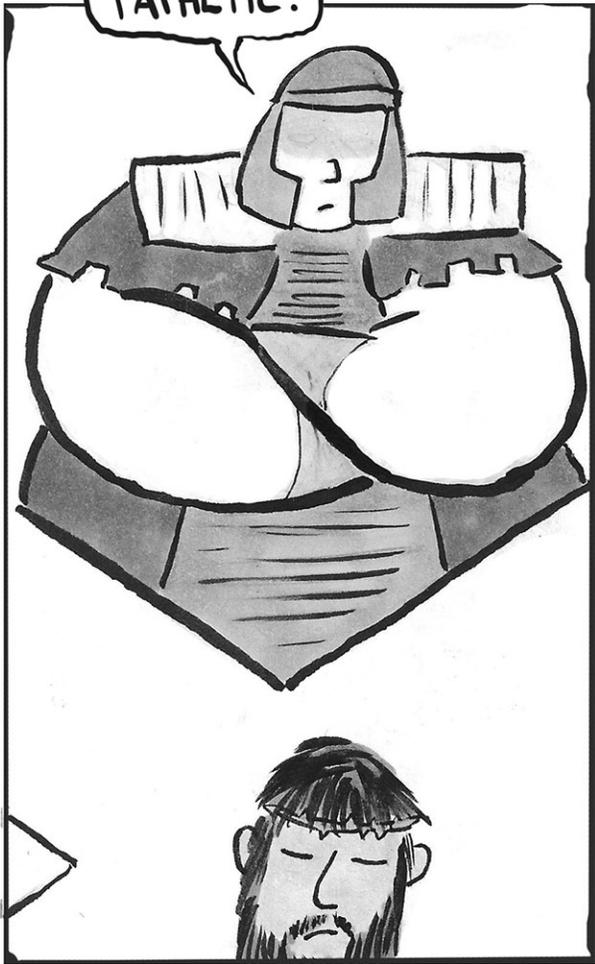
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"I WAS HERE FOR THE FESTIVAL"



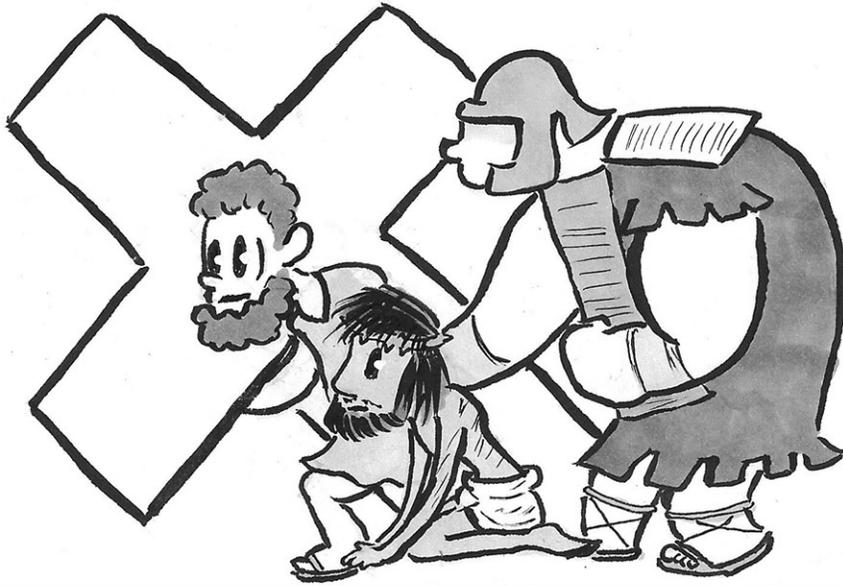
THE CONDEMNED CANNOT CONTINUE. YOU WILL CARRY THE CROSS FOR HIM.

"THIS ISN'T WHY I'M HERE" - I TOLD MYSELF.



THEN I LOOKED IN HIS EYES,

I'LL DO IT.



UNTIL MY LAST DAY  
I WILL NEVER KNOW  
WHAT COMPELLED ME  
TO DO IT.

BUT THERE IS ONE  
THING I DO KNOW...



I KNOW THAT I WAS  
THERE TO TAKE UP  
HIS CROSS AND  
GIVE HIM  
STRENGTH.



SO THAT HE WILL  
GIVE ME  
STRENGTH  
WHEN I TAKE  
UP MINE.



I DID NOT KNOW WHO  
HE WAS THEN.

I DO NOW.

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